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SUBJECT: SADAT STOPOVER IN ATHENS

1. GREEK PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS HAD AN HOUR TALK WITH SADAT JUN 3 AT ATHENS AIRPORT WHICH EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT TRANSITED ON RETURN FROM SALZBURG. TO PRESS AFTERWARDS, SADAT SAID HE HAD INVITED CARAMANLIS TO VISIT EGYPT AND PM HAD ACCEPTED. CARAMANLIS THEN CHIMED IN THAT RECIPROCAL VISITS WOULD BE ARRANGED. SADAT PRAISED THE PM AND GREEK PEOPLE WITH THE NOTE THAT EGYPT WOULD NEVER FORGET THE SUPPORT WHICH CARAMANLIS AND GREEK PEOPLE GAVE UPON NATIONALIZATION OF SUEZ CANAL. DESPITE BOYCOTT OF NAVAL PILOTS, GREEK PERSONNEL CONTINUED TO WORK FOR SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITIES.

2. SADAT ALSO SAID: "I AM MORE HOPEFUL FOR A SOLUTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST ISSUE, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE STAGNATION WHICH FOLLOWED DR HENRY KISSINGER'S MISSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST." ON CYPRUS HE STATED HIS IMPRESSION GAINED AT SALZBURG WAS THAT PRESIDENT FORD, AND ESPECIALLY DR. KISSINGER, WOULD DO ALL THEY COULD TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM.
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